



The EMPRES–Wildlife Health and Ecology Unit at the Animal Health Service (AGAH) is pleased to invite you to a workshop and discussion on:

Wild meat, Bushmeat, Livelihoods and Sustainability: Implications for Food Security, Zoonoses, Food Safety, and Biodiversity Conservation

The goals of the workshop are:

- 1) To share knowledge and perspectives regarding this transversal issue and to identify synergies and opportunities for further in-house collaborations, and
- 2) To develop a Draft Position Paper on Wild Meat and Bushmeat, including perspectives across FAO Departments and Divisions.

This workshop is a follow-up to the FAO “One Health” workshop held on 4-6 May 2011.

AGENDA

Wednesday, 26 October 2011 — 09:00 to 17:00, Mexico Room (D-213Bis)

Time	Description	Presenter/Speaker
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Remarks	Berhe Tekola (AGAD)
09:10 – 09:20	Wild meat and sustainable diets	Barbara Burlingame (AGN)
09:20 – 09:30	Introductions, objectives of the meeting and agenda	Scott Newman (AGAH)
09:30 – 09:45	Sustainable use of wild meat/bushmeat: a transversal issue for FAO	Pauline Quierzy (AGAH)
09:45 – 10:00	Food and Nutrition Security Implications	AGN
10:00 – 10:15	Disease Implications	AGAH
10:15 – 10:30	Food Safety Implications	AGN
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 11:15	Wildlife and Conservation Management	FO
11:15 – 11:30	Social and Economic Implications	AGAL/ESW
11:30 – 11:45	Managing overexploitation	FI
11:45 – 12:00	<u>Wrap – up: time for discussion</u>	All
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:30	Plenary: open discussion of recommendations for Draft Position Paper	All
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Conclusions and Closure of the meeting	Juan Lubroth (AGAH)

ABSTRACT

Definition: *Wild meat —a wildlife food commodity— is defined as any non-domesticated terrestrial mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians harvested for food (CBD, 2008).*

There is an increasing concern about the use of wild meat (commonly designed by the African term “*bushmeat*”) and its implications. Wildlife harvest, the trade and consumption of wild meat occur across a wide range of cultural patterns, at various geographic and economic scales. From local communities hunting or gathering species for subsistence living to large commercial enterprises, involving millions of tons of meat travelling long distances across international borders, the nature of the use of wild meat has quickly shifted in the past decades.

The implications of such practices are complex and wide – ranging, and should not be underestimated. Unsustainable levels of wildlife hunting could threaten both people who depend on such resource for food or income and wildlife populations. There is an associated risk of disease emergence and transmission through hunting and trade of wildlife, and a risk of food poisoning from wild meat consumption.

For wild meat use to be sustainable, it must be so from social, ecological and economic viewpoints. Models aimed at addressing this issue require an inter-sectoral and multidisciplinary effort to provide concrete strategies, and reduce undesirable economic, political, social and environmental impacts. There is potential to achieve a more sustainable use of wildlife within the “One Health” approach, helping achieve the broader goals of sustainable development.

We seek interdepartmental input and collaboration to move forward together because the solutions to the problems of wild meat use and the achievement of sustainable practices require a collective vision from Animal Health, Nutrition, Forestry, Fisheries, Economic, Social, and Natural Resources. Throughout FAO, we have all the resources and good practical tools, but these need to converge pragmatically. The aim of the workshop is to develop a Draft Position Paper on Wild Meat that incorporates the perspectives of all FAO Departments and Divisions working in this technical area.

Organizers:

Pauline Quierzy, Wildlife Health and Ecology Unit Intern; **Sigfrido Burgos Cáceres**, One Health Coordinator (Communications)

Chair:

Scott Newman, Wildlife Health and Ecology Unit Coordinator
